A highly intentional, innovative UB experience, the program emphasizes individualized instruction and support through an intensive suite of integrated, success-oriented, high-impact best practices.

Distinctive First-Year Academic Program

- **LEARNING COMMUNITIES**
  are thematically linked courses that provide an integrated approach to cross-disciplinary education.

- **FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR**
  addresses risk factors associated with early college challenges, and collaborates extensively with the Career and Professional Development Center. The course helps students develop collaboration skills, financial literacy and more.

- **FOUNDATIONAL COURSES**
  in writing and mathematics designed to enhance college readiness. Foundational courses are taken simultaneously with college courses; faculty members receive specialized training.

- **SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION**
  offered in gateway courses to provide additional support.

- **UNIVERSITY WRITING PROGRAM**
  uses directed self-placement for entering first-year students to determine appropriate level of coursework. Students create a writing portfolio in their first semester.

- **GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**
  ensure students have the qualifications that employers and graduate programs demand, from communication skills to critical thinking to professional self-presentation.

- **FIRST-YEAR ADVISING**
  provides one-on-one, consultative support. Advisers encourage and guide students to take responsibility for their academic plans.

- **EARLY ALERT SYSTEM**
  facilitates efficient communication between adviser, professor and student to help students identify academic challenges and connect to campus support services (e.g., tutoring, financial aid, counseling, etc.).

- **CO-CURRICULAR LEARNING**
  helps students apply what they learn in the classroom in real world environments outside of the classroom, such as internships, community projects, coops and residencies.

- **ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES**
  provide coaching, workshops and resources that support educational progress: Mathematics Learning Center and Writing Studio.

- **ADDITIONAL CAMPUS RESOURCES**
  support student learning and success: Achievement and Learning Center, Counseling Center and Sophomore Seminar.

- **OTHER FEATURES**
  include small class sizes, a variety of courses, exceptional full-time faculty who teach in the program and ongoing improvements and developments in technology.

- **INFO 110 INTRODUCTION TO INFORMATION LITERACY**
  helps students learn to locate, evaluate and effectively use information for greater academic success.